

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD	§		
	FOR CONFIGURING A	§		
	RECONFIGURABLE	§		
	SYSTEM	§		
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**PETITION TO THE DIRECTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.181**

Office of Petitions  
Attn: Ms. Gail Hayes

Dear Ms. Hayes:

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181. Applicant hereby petitions that the Patent Office consider the Information Disclosure Statement originally sent on October 6, 2003 and received by the Patent Office on October 8, 2003.

On December 5, 2006, the Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced matter. Applicant subsequently noted that the Examiner had not acknowledged receipt of all of the Information Disclosure Statements filed for the above-captioned application. On January 29, 2007, the Applicant electronically filed with the Patent Office a document entitled "Request for Signed Form PTO 1449", respectfully requesting a signed, initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing references B0 through B43 (sent on October 6, 2003; received by the Patent Office on October 8, 2003 as indicated on the enclosed copy of the return postcard). Applicant later electronically submitted the Issue Fee Transmittal and payment of fees on February 22, 2007.

On May 30, 2007, the Applicant's office contacted Examiner Mary J. Steelmen with respect to the status of receipt of a signed, initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449. Ms. Steelman

indicated that the particular IDS submission was not a part of the file record. She referred the Applicant to Special Patent Examiner Brian L. Johnson, who in turn advised the Applicant to resubmit the Information Disclosure Statement and references along with a Petition to the Director Under 37 C.F.R § 1.181.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee, if any, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5150-63500/JCH. If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such extension. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fee or other fees which may be necessary to the same account number.

Also filed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Copy of the return postcard sent on October 6, 2003 and received by the Patent Office on October 8, 2003
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ PTO Form-1449
- ☒ References B1-B43

Respectfully submitted,

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The date stamp of the mail room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office hereon will acknowledge receipt of the attached: 1) Information Disclosure Statement; 2) PTO Form-1449 with references B0 - B43; and 3) Return Postcard.

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Via First Class Mail

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